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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 17, 1998

NOTIFICATION OF

EQUITABLE RESOURCES ENERGY COMPANY                      CASE NO.    PUE980233

To furnish gas service to P.C.  
Virginia Synthetic Fuel #1, L.L.C.  
pursuant to § 56-265.4:5 of the  
Code of Virginia

DISMISSAL ORDER

On May 7, 1998, Equitable Resources Energy Company ("EREC" or "the Company") notified the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to § 56-265.4:5 of its plans to furnish gas service to P.C. Virginia Synthetic Fuel #1, L.L.C. ("PCVA"). On May 14, 1998, EREC filed a supplement to its notification documents.

According to its notification documents, EREC is a West Virginia corporation engaged in the exploration, production and gathering of natural gas. PCVA is a Delaware limited liability company engaged in the manufacture of coal-based synthetic fuels and is constructing a synthetic fuels plant in the vicinity of Blackwood, Virginia in Wise County.

On May 13, 1998, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission filed a memorandum advising that PCVA's facilities

were not located within a territory for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity had been granted and that, as of the time of the receipt of EREC's notification, PCVA's facilities were not located within any area, territory, or jurisdiction served by a municipal corporation that provided gas distribution service as of January 1, 1992.

On May 14, 1998, the Commission entered an order docketing the proceeding and notifying all public utilities providing gas service in the Commonwealth of EREC's plans to furnish gas service within the area identified in the Company's notification documents. The Commission also found that PCVA's facilities were not located within a territory for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity had been granted, and that, as of the time of the Commission's receipt of EREC's notification, PCVA's facilities were not located within any area, territory, or jurisdiction served by a municipal corporation that provided gas distribution service as of January 1, 1992.

Sixty days have now elapsed since the entry of the May 14, 1998 Order Docketing Proceeding and Providing Notice, and no jurisdictional public utility has filed an application to provide natural gas service within the area identified in the documents filed as part of the captioned notification.

NOW, upon consideration of the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that EREC has satisfied the

requirements §§ 56-265.1(b)(4) and -265.4:5 of the Code of Virginia; that nothing further remains to be done in this proceeding; and that this matter should be dismissed.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the captioned notification shall be dismissed from the Commission's docket of active proceedings, and the papers filed herein be made a part of the Commission's file for ended causes.